Feature Engineering for Machine learning in Graphs

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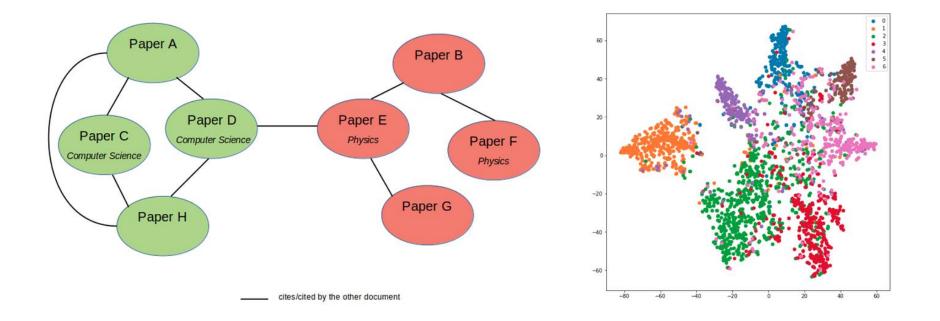
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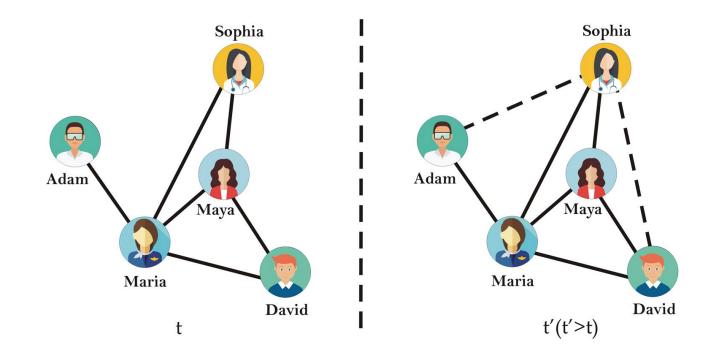


- Predicting the classes or labels of nodes.
- > For example, detecting the paper field in a citation network.

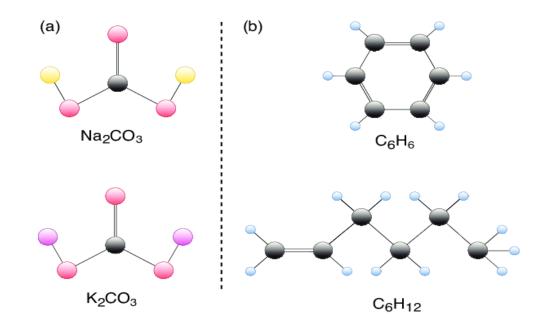




- > Predicting the classes or labels of nodes.
- ➤ For example, a social networking service suggests possible friend connections based on network data.



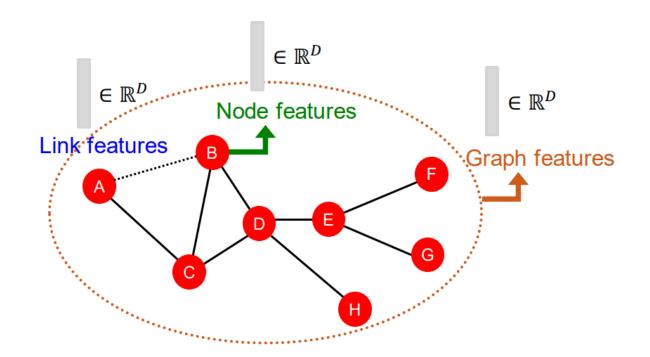
- Classifying a graph itself into different categories.
- Inputs: A collection of graphs.
- ➤ For example, determining if a chemical compound is toxic or non-toxic by looking at its graph structure.





Traditional Machine Learning pipeline

- Design features for nodes/links/graphs
- ➤ Obtain features for all training data



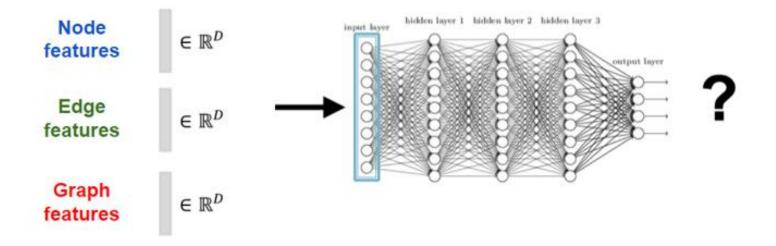


Traditional Machine Learning pipeline

- Feature extraction:
 - Node features
 - Edge features
 - Graph features

- > Train a ML model:
 - Logistic Regression
 - > Random forest
 - Neural network, etc.

- > Apply the model:
 - Given a new node/link/ graph, obtain its features and make a prediction





- Using effective features over graphs is the key to achieving good model performance.
- ➤ Besides the original node/edge/graph features, can we embed topology structure into node/edge/graph features?

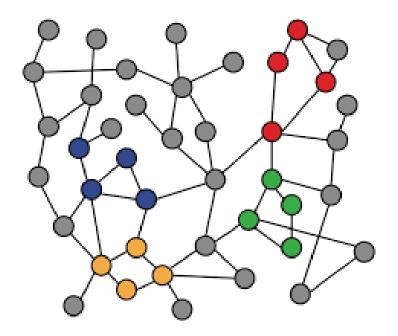


1. Node-level Features: Overview

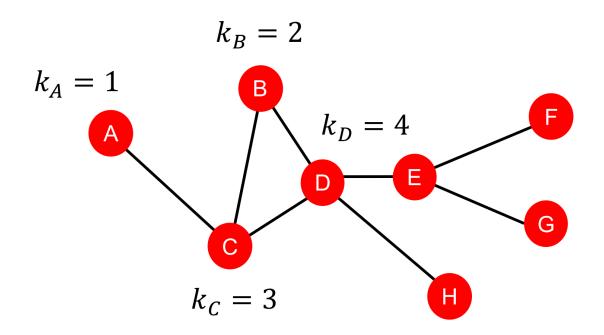
➤ Goal:

Characterize the structure and position of a node in the network:

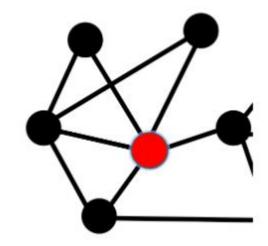
- > Importance-based features
 - Node degree
 - Node centrality
- Structure-based features
 - Node degree
 - > Clustering coefficient
 - > Graphlets



- \triangleright The degree k_v of node v is the number of edges (neighboring nodes) the node has.
- Treats all neighboring nodes equally.



- Node degree counts the neighboring nodes without capturing their importance.
- > Node centrality cv takes the node importance in a graph into account.
- Different ways to evaluate importance:
 - > Eigenvector centrality
 - > Betweenness centrality
 - Closeness centrality
 - > and many others....



> Eigenvector Centrality

- \triangleright A node v is important if surrounded by important neighboring nodes $u \in N(v)$.
- We model the centrality of node v as the sum of the centrality of neighboring nodes recursively:

$$c_v = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{u \in N(u)} c_u \qquad \qquad \lambda c = Ac$$

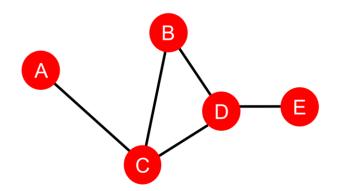
- A: Adjacency matrix $A_{uv} = 1$ if $u \in N(v)$
- c: Centrality vector
- λ: Eigenvalue

> We can see that centrality c is the eigenvector fo A

- Betweenness Centrality
 - ➤ A node is important if it **lies on many shortest paths** between other nodes.

$$c_v = \sum_{s \neq v \neq t} \frac{\text{\#(shortest paths betwen } s \text{ and } t \text{ that contain } v)}{\text{\#(shortest paths between } s \text{ and } t)}$$

> For example:

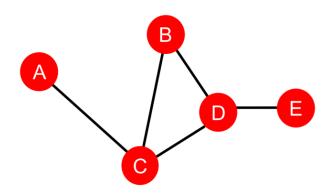




- Closeness Centrality
 - ➤ A node is important if it has **small shortest path lengths** to all other nodes.

$$c_v = \frac{1}{\sum_{u \neq v} \text{shortest path length between } u \text{ and } v}$$

> For example:

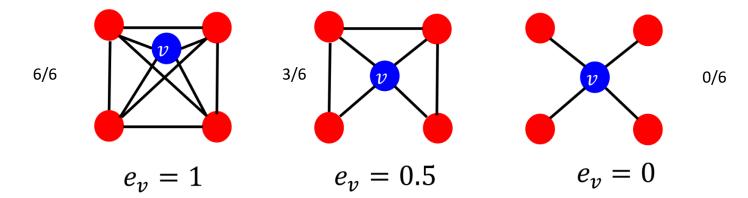


> Measures how connected v's neighboring nodes are:

$$e_v = \frac{\#(\text{edges among neighboring nodes})}{{\binom{k_v}{2}}} \in [0,1]$$

#(node pairs among k_v neighboring nodes) In our examples below the denominator is 6 (4 choose 2).

> For example:



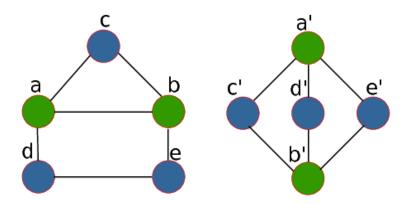
➤ **Isomorphic graphs** having the same number of vertices, edges, and also the same edge connectivity.

Graph G	Graph H	An isomorphism between G and H
a g	5 6 3	f(a) = 1 $f(b) = 6$ $f(c) = 8$
c i		f(d) = 3 $f(g) = 5$ $f(h) = 2$
d		f(i) = 4 $f(j) = 7$





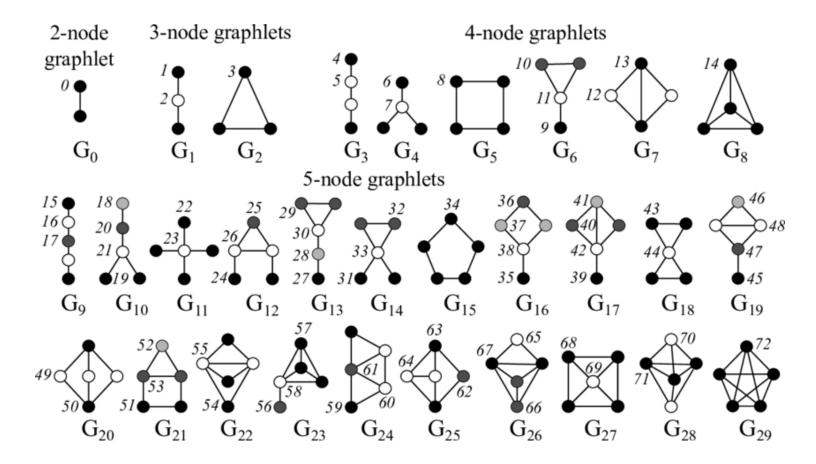
Isomorphic



Non-Isomorphic

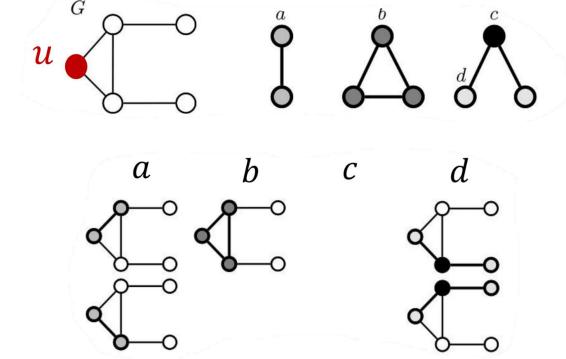


> Graphlets are induced, non-isomorphic subgraphs that describe the structure of node u's network neighborhood.





- ➤ Graphlet Degree Vector (GDV): A count vector of graphlets rooted at a given node.
- ➤ Graphlet degree vector provides a measure of a node's local network topology (more detail than node degrees or clustering coefficient.)

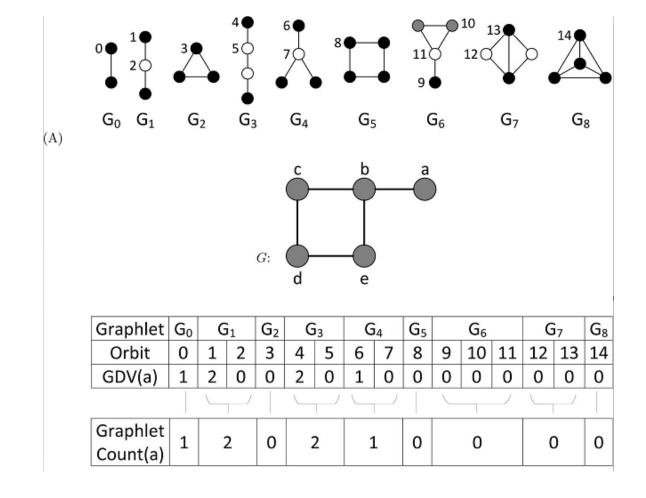


Select graphlets up to 3 nodes



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> Example:

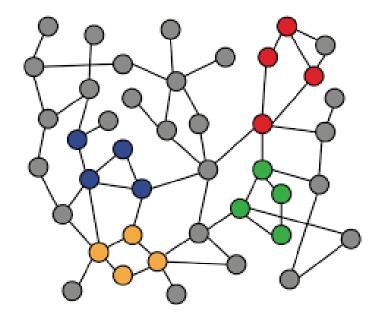




- Importance-based features: capture the importance of a node in a graph, useful for predicting influential nodes in a graph
 - Node degree
 - Node centrality (Eigenvector, Betweenness, Closeness Centrality)
- Structure-based features: capture topological properties of local neighborhood around a node, useful for predicting a particular role a node plays in a graph
 - Node degree
 - Clustering coefficient
 - > Graphlets

2. Traditaional Feature-based Methods: Edge

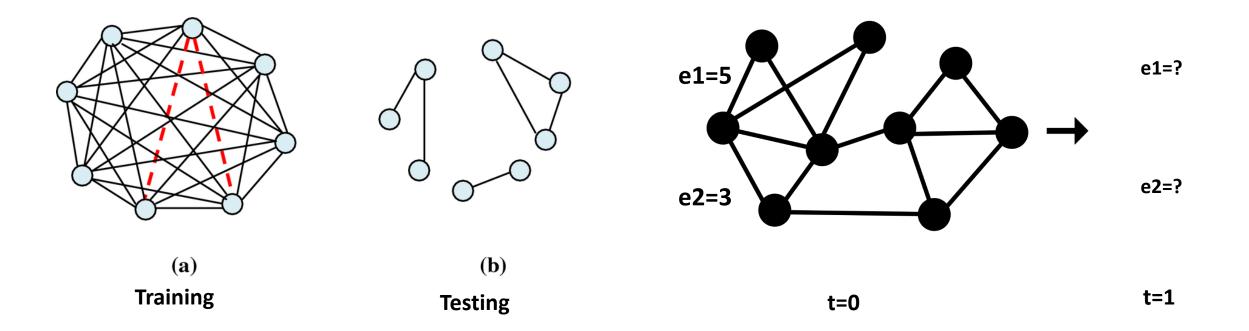
- Distance-based Features
- Local Neighborhood Overlap Feature
- Global Neighborhood Overlap Feature





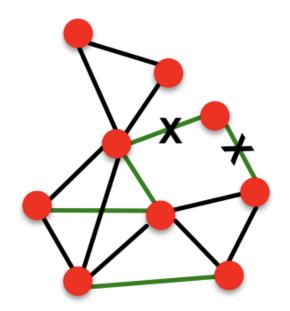
Edge(Link)-level Prediction Task

- Predict new links based on existing links.
- Predict edge-level features/labels.

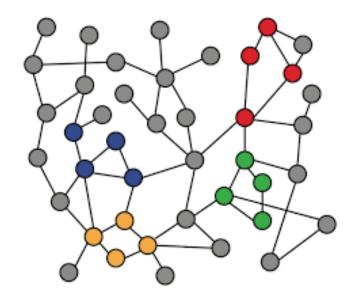


- ➤ High level idea:
 - \triangleright Design features c(x, y) for each node pair (x, y)
 - > For example, the number of common neighbors

- > Select top k pairs as new edges
- ➤ Edge_feature(x, y, e) → new edge_feature

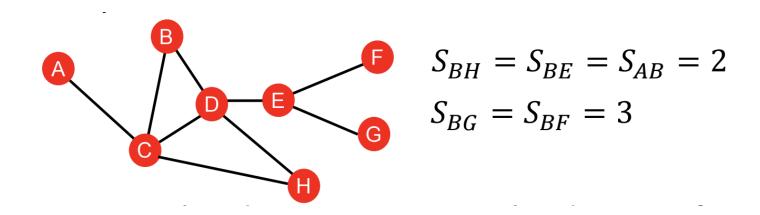


- Goal: Characterize the structure and connectivity of nodes and edges in the network:
- Distance-based features
- Local neighborhood overlap
- Global neighborhood overlap



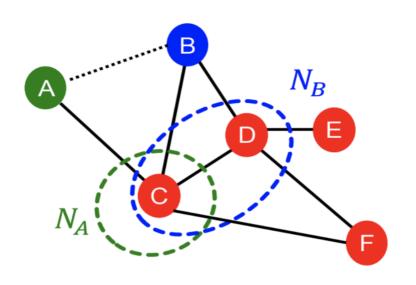


- Shortest-path distance between two nodes
- > For exmaple:

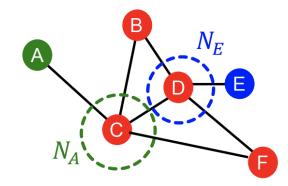


- ➤ However, this does not capture the degree of neighborhood overlap:
- ➤ Node pair (B, H) has 2 shared neighboring nodes, while pairs (B, E) and (A, B) only have 1 such node.

- > Captures # neighboring nodes shared between two nodes v1 and v2:
- \triangleright Common neighbors: $|N(v_1) \cap N(v_2)|$
 - Example: $|N(A) \cap N(B)| = |\{C\}| = 1$
- > Jaccard's coefficient: $\frac{|N(v_1) \cap N(v_2)|}{|N(v_1) \cup N(v_2)|}$
 - Example: $\frac{|N(A) \cap N(B)|}{|N(A) \cup N(B)|} = \frac{|\{C\}|}{|\{C,D\}|} = \frac{1}{2}$
- \succ Adamic-Adar index: $\sum_{u \in N(v_1) \cap N(v_2)} \frac{1}{\log(k_u)}$
 - Example: $\frac{1}{\log(k_C)} = \frac{1}{\log 4}$



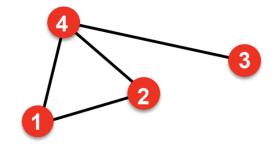
- ➤ Limitation of local neighborhood overlapping features:
 - Metric is always zero if the two nodes do not have any neighbors in common.
 - However, the two nodes may still potentially be connected in the future.



$$\begin{aligned} N_A \cap N_E &= \phi \\ |N_A \cap N_E| &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

→ Global neighborhood overlap features resolve the limitation by considering the entire graph.

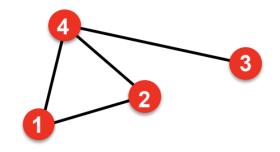
- > Katz index:
 - Count the number of walks of all lengths between a given pair of nodes.
- ➤ How to compute number of walks?
- → Powers of the graph adjacency matrix



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Ai,j = 1 if node i, j are connected

- > So, what is number of walks?
- ightharpoonup We want to show: $P^{(K)} = A^k$
- ightharpoonup where $P_{uv}^{(K)} = \#$ walks of length K between u and v
- $ho P_{uv}^{(1)} = \#$ walks of length 1 (direct neighborhood) between u and $v = A_{uv}$



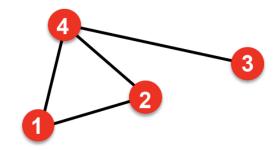
$$P_{12}^{(1)} = A_{12}$$

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- How to compute $P_{uv}^{(2)}$?
 - Step 1: Compute #walks of length 1 between each of u's neighbor and v
 - Step 2: Sum up these #walks across u's neighbors

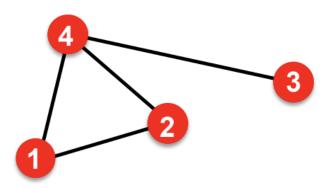
$$P_{uv}^{(2)} = \sum_{i} A_{ui} * P_{iv}^{(1)} = \sum_{i} A_{ui} * A_{iv} = A_{uv}^{2}$$



Node 1's neighbors
| #walks of length 1 between | Node 1's neighbors and Node 2 |
$$P_{12}^{(2)} = A_{12}^2$$

| A² = | $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$
| Power of adjacency | #walks of length 1 between | Node 2 | $P_{12}^{(2)} = A_{12}^2$

- ➤ Using powers of adjacency matrix, we can calculate number of walks of all lengths between a pair of nodes.
- $ightharpoonup A_{uv}$ specifies #walks of length 1 (direct neighborhood) between u and v.
- $> A_{uv}^2$ specifies #walks of length 2 (neighbor of neighbor) between u and v.
- $>A_{uv}^{l}$ specifies #walks of length I.



➤ Katz index between v1 and v2 is calculated as sum over all walk lengths.

$$S_{v_1v_2} = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \beta^l A_{v_1v_2}^l$$
 #walks of length l between v_1 and v_2 $0 < \beta < 1$: discount factor

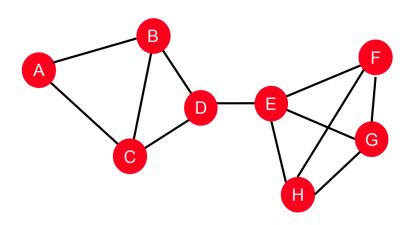
Katz index matrix is computed in closed-form:

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \beta^i A^i = (I - \beta A)^{-1} - I$$

- Distance-based features:
 - Calculates shortest path between 2 nodes, but cannot capture overlapping neighboods.
- Local neighborhood overlap:
 - Captures number of sharing neighborhoods between 2 nodes.
 - > Only focuses nodes within 2-hop.
- ➤ Global neighborhood overlap:
 - Katz index uses entire graph structure to score 2 nodes.
 - > It can capture the structure globally.

3. Graph-level Features Overview

- Goal: We want features that characterize the structure of an entire graph.
 - > Similar graphs has similar features
 - ➤ Graph Kernel Methods (kernel methods are widely-used in traditional ML for graph-level prediction.):
 - Graphlet Kernel
 - Weisfeiler-Lehman Kernel

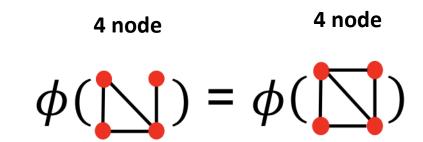


- > A quick introduction to Kernels:
 - \succ Kernel K(G,G') \in R measures similarity between two graphs (data)
 - \triangleright There exists a feature representation $\phi(\cdot)$ such that:

$$K(G, G') = \phi(G)^{\mathrm{T}}\phi(G')$$

- > Kernel enables vectors to be operated in higher dimension
- ➤ Once the kernel is defined, off-the-shelf ML model, such as kernel SVM, can be used to make predictions.

- Goal: Design graph kernel φ(G)
- Key Idea: Bag-of-Words (BoW) for a graph
 - > In NLP, BoW counts the word's frequency in a document as feature
 - > Simplest way on graph: Regard nodes as words.
 - > For example, we found the features of 2 graphs are same.



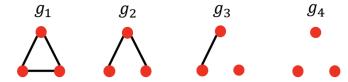
- > Problem: Bag of node counts doesn't work well...
- ➤ What if we use Bag of Node Degrees?

Deg1: • Deg2: • Deg3: •
$$\phi()) = \operatorname{count}()) = [1, 2, 1]$$

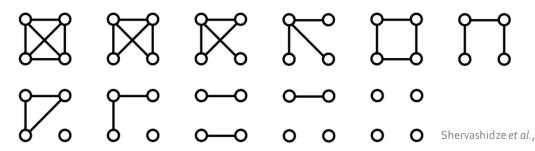
$$\phi()) = \operatorname{count}()) = [0, 2, 2]$$
Obtains different features for different graphs!

➤ Both Graph kernel and Weisfeiler-Lehman kernel use Bag-of-* representation of graph, but * is more sophisticated than node degrees!

- > Key Idea: Count the number of different graphlets in a graph
- ➤ Graphlet Differences:
 - > Nodes do not need to be connected.
 - Graphlets are not rooted.
 - For k = 3, there are 4 graphlets.

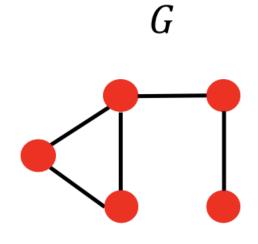


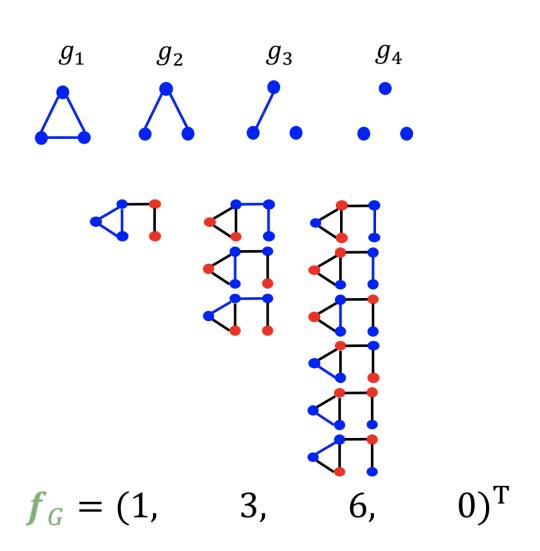
• For k=4, there are 11 graphlets.





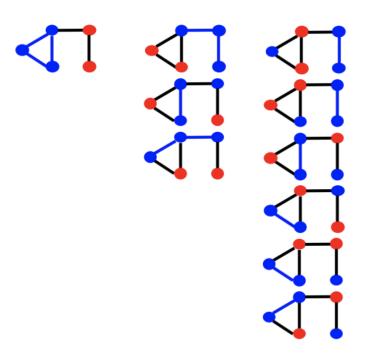
- > For example:
- \triangleright For k = 3:





- Counting graphlets is expensive!
- Counting size k graphlets for graph with n nodes by enumeration takes n^k time.
- ➤ If our graph changes with time, we have to recalculate the features again.

→ Can we design a more efficient graph kernel?



- \triangleright Goal: Design an efficient graph feature descriptor $\varphi(G)$
- > Key Idea:
 - Iteratively use neighborhood structure to describe node's neighboring topology.
 - ➤ Generalized version of Bag of node degrees (node degree only contains one-hop neighborhood information).
- → Color Refinement Algorithm

- > For a graph G with nodes V:
- > Assign initial color $c^{(0)}(v)$ each node v
- > Iteratively refine node colors by:

$$c^{(k+1)}(v) = \mathsf{HASH}\left(\left\{c^{(k)}(v), \left\{c^{(k)}(u)\right\}_{u \in N(v)}\right\}\right)$$

where HASH maps different inputs to different colors.

➤ After K steps of iteration, c(K)(v) represents the structure of the K-hop neighborhood.

- > WL kernel benefits:
 - Computationally efficient (color refinement need #(edges) steps)
 - > #(colors) depends on total number of nodes.
 - > Can be used to check graph isomorphism

Summary: Graph-level Features

- Graphlet Kernel:
 - Bag of graphlets
 - Computationally expensive
- Weisfeiler-Lehman Kernel:
 - Bag of colors
 - Capture graph structure within K-hop
 - Computationally efficient
 - Closely related to graph neural networks!







